GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2907
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CRASH OF MIG IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a MIG which crashed in the recent past in Delhi killing a person or so and registration of a criminal case by Delhi Police against the IAF;

(b) whether the IAF has enquired into the causes of the accident;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Delhi Police has taken any action against the IAF; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the fact if the police are empowered to file criminal cases in such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A MiG-21 aircraft had crashed on 5th August, 2000 at Palam airport in which the pilot was fatally injured. A Court of Inquiry has been conducted to investigate the accident. It is found that the accident had occurred due to a Bird Hit.To reduce the bird menace, extensive measures have been taken by implementing well-planned, preventive programme at the airfield level. For the area, outside the airfield, measures are being taken to sterilize the area within a 10 Kms radius to prevent concentration of large bird population.
Delhi Police has lodged an FIR in the case on 5th August, 2000 u/s 304 A of I.P.C. for causing death by negligence.The civil Police is empowered to lodge an FIR in case of such occurrences. Investigation is in progress.